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AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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TOWNSHIP OF WAKEFIELD

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LOCAL AUDIT & FINANCE DIV.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Supervisor and Members of the Board Township of Wakefield Wakefield, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Township of Wakefield and its combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the entire historical cost and corresponding depreciation in the financial statements of the proprietary fund type - enterprise fund, which should be included to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The amount that should be included in the financial statements is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the third paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Township of Wakefield as of March 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the individual funds of Township of Wakefield as of March 31, 2004, and the results of operations of such funds for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note A to the financial statements, in the year ended March 31, 2004, Township of Wakefield changed from an unacceptable method of reporting capital outlay expenditures to an acceptable method in the capital project fund. Also as discussed in Note A to the financial statements, in the year ended March 31, 2004, Township of Wakefield changed from an unacceptable method of reporting general long-term debt to an acceptable method in the general long-term debt account group. The changes in accounting methods have been accounted for as corrections of errors and fund balance and general long-term debt at the beginning of the year have been restated.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 21, 2004, on our consideration of Township of Wakefield's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Joki, Makela & Pollack, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants

Ironwood, Michigan July 21, 2004

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# COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

## TOWNSHIP OF

March 31,

		_Gove		ental Fund			Proprietary		
		O 1		Special		Capital		ınd Type	
	-	General	1	Revenue		Project	E	nterprise	
	ASSE	ETS							
Cash	\$	156,082	\$	232,080	\$	23,611	\$	18,068	
Investments		118,336							
Accounts receivable:									
Accounts, net		23,000						19,377	
Delinquent property taxes		4,421						•	
Due from other funds		61,749							
Prepaid expenses		4,022						0.045	
Utility plant, net General fixed assets								8,247	
Amount to be provided for									
retirement of long-term debt									
rethement of long-term debt	_		_		_		_		
	<u>\$</u>	367,610	<u>\$</u>	232,080	<u>\$</u>	23,611	<u>\$</u>	45,692	
LIABILITIES AND	) FUN	D EQUIT	Υ (Γ	EFICIT)					
Liabilities:									
Accounts payable	\$	2,993	\$	111			\$	6,980	
Accrued wages and payroll taxes		4,304							
Due other funds								56,000	
Due other governmental units									
Michigan Economic Development									
Corporation Financing loan payable:									
1998 Agreement 2002 Agreement									
Loan payable to Forward Wakefield									
Total Liabilities	<del></del>	7,297	<u> </u>	111			<u> </u>	62,980	
	Φ	1,291	Ф	111		1	φ	02,700	
Fund equity (deficit):									
Investment in fixed assets Fund balances:									
Reserved:									
For prepaid expenses	\$	4,022							
For long-term receivable	Ψ,	56,000							
For construction		20,000			\$	23,611			
Designated by board		135,000			•	,			
Unreserved		165,291	\$	231,969					
Retained-earnings deficit							\$	(17,288	
Total Fund Equity (Deficit)	\$	360,313	\$	231,969	\$	23,611	\$	(17,288	
1 otal 1 and Equity (Bothert)									

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

# ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

# WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN

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	Accoun				<u>Type</u>		Totals				
	General	I	ong Term	,	Trust and	$(\mathbf{N}$	Iemorandum				
Fi	xed Assets		Debt		Agency		Only)				
				\$	72,074	\$	501,915				
					,		118,336				
							,				
							42,377				
							4,421				
							61,749				
							4,022				
							8,247				
\$	742,225						742,225				
							, .2,225				
		\$	852,489				852,489				
\$	742,225	<u>\$</u>	852,489	\$	72,074	\$	2,335,781				
						\$	10,084				
							4,304				
				\$	5,749		61,749				
					66,325		66,325				
		\$	125 000				125.000				
		Ф	135,000				135,000				
			426,250				426,250				
			291,239			-	<u>291,239</u>				
		\$	852,489	\$	72,074	\$	994,951				
\$	742,225					\$	742,225				
							4,022				
							56,000				
							23,611				
							135,000				
							397,260				
							(17,288)				
<u>\$</u>	742,225					\$_	1,340,830				
\$	742,225	<u>\$</u>	852,489	\$	72,074	\$	2,335,781				

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

# TOWNSHIP OF WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN

Year ended March 31, 2004

		General	Special Revenue		Capital Project		(Me	Totals emorandum Only)
Revenues:								
Taxes	\$	126,061					\$	126,061
Licenses and permits		1,472						1,472
Federal grants		10,644						10,644
State grants		27,773						27,773
Charges for services		3,466						3,466
Interest and rents		4,676	\$	9,220				13,896
Other revenues		2,568	_		_			2,568
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	176,660	\$	9,220	\$	0	\$	185,880
Expenditures:								
Current:								
Legislative	\$	9,767					\$	9,767
General government		63,914						63,914
Public safety		8,687						8,687
Public works		30,180						30,180
Parks and recreation		3,250						3,250
Economic development			\$	3,523				3,523
Other		43,072			\$	131		43,203
Capital outlay	-	1,049	_	7,950		<u>243,894</u>		<u>252,893</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$</u>	159,919	\$	11,473	\$	244,025	\$	415,417
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$	16,741	\$	(2,253)	\$	(244,025)	\$	(229,537)
Other financing source - proceeds from								
borrowing					_	226,545		226,545
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING	•	16.741	•	(0.050)	•	(15, 100)	•	(2.000)
SOURCE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$	16,741	\$	(2,253)	\$	(17,480)	\$	(2,992)
Fund balance at April 1, 2003, as previously reported  Adjustment to recognize cumulative effect	\$	343,572	\$	234,222	\$	290,181	\$	867,975
of correction of error in recording capital outlay in a prior period						(249,090)		(249,090)
Fund balance at April 1, 2003, as adjusted	\$	343,572	\$_	234,222	\$	41,091	\$	618,885
FUND BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2004	<u>\$</u>	360,313	\$_	231,969	\$	23,611	\$	615,893

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND

# TOWNSHIP OF

Year ended

			<u>C</u>	General Fun	ıd	
		ъ 1 .		1	F	Variance avorable
	_	Budget		Actual	(Uı	nfavorable)
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$	132,300	\$	126,061	\$	(6,239)
Licenses and permits		1,050	-	1,472	•	422
Federal grants		10,500		10,644		144
State grants		26,650		27,773		1,123
Charges for services		3,500		3,466		(34)
Interest and rents		5,250		4,676		(574)
Other revenues	_	8,250	_	2,568		(5,682)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	187,500	\$	176,660	\$	(10,840)
Expenditures:						
Current:						
Legislative	\$	10,293	\$	9,767	\$	526
General government	4	72,637	4	63,914	Ψ	8,723
Public safety		18,000		8,687		9,313
Public works		86,820		30,180		56,640
Recreation and culture		3,350		3,250		100
Economic development				,		
Other		45,400		43,072		2,328
Capital outlay		15 <u>,000</u>	_	1,049		13,951
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$</u>	<u>251,500</u>	<u>\$</u>	159,919	<u>\$</u>	91. <u>581</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF						
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	\$	(64,000)	\$	16,741	\$	80,741
Transfer from other funds	\$	39,000			\$	(39,000)
Transfer to other funds	Ψ	(20,000)			Ф	20,000
		(20,000)				20,000
EVCESS (DESIGNATION OF DEVENTING AND	\$	19,000	_	<del></del> _	<u>\$</u>	(19,000)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER						
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	Φ	(45,000)	en.	1 6 7 4 1	Φ.	C1 741
Fund balances at April 1, 2003	\$	(45,000)	Э	16,741	\$	61,741
Taile outenees at reprit 1, 2005		343,572	_	<u>343,572</u>		
FUND BALANCES AT MARCH 31, 2004	\$	298,572	\$	360,313	\$	61,741
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# BALANCES AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN

March 31, 2004

Spe	ecial Revenue	Fund	
		Variance	
		Favorable	
Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN RETAINED-EARNINGS DEFICIT - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - ENTERPRISE FUND - WATER FUND

# TOWNSHIP OF WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN

# Year ended March 31, 2004

Operating revenue -			
Charges for services		\$	56,133
Operating expenses:			
Water purchases	46,898		
Contracted services	1,253		
Materials and supplies	441		
Auto expense	432		
Repairs and maintenance	6,312		
GRWA contributions	3,693		
Utilities	6,249		
Provision for depreciation	940	\$	66 219
_		D	66,218
Administrative expenses:			
Contracted services	520		
Office supplies	201		
Printing and publishing			
Professional fees	721		
Dues and fees	800		2.050
Dues and rees	628		<u> 2,870</u>
		\$	69,088
OPERA	ATING LOSS	\$	(12,955)
Nonoperating revenue - interest			_ 367
	NET LOSS	\$	(12,588)
Retained-earnings deficit at April 1, 2003		<b>J</b>	(4,700)
- *			(3,700)
RETAINED-EARNINGS DEFICIT AT MAR	CH 31, 2004	<u>\$</u>	(17,288)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - ENTERPRISE FUND - WATER FUND

#### TOWNSHIP OF WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN

#### Year ended March 31, 2004

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers		\$ 54,233
Cash paid to suppliers and employees for goods and services	)T	 (68,866)
N	ET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (14,633)
Cash flows from capital and related financi capital expenditures	ng activities -	(783)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activ of advance from other fund	ities - repayment	(5,000)
Cash flows from investing activities - interest	est earned	 367
Cash at April 1, 2003	\$ (20,049) 38,117	
	CASH AT MARCH 31, 2004	\$ 18,068
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating loss		\$ (12,955)
Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to provided by (used in) operating a		
Depreciation	\$ 940	
(Increase) decrease in:	44.000	
Accounts receivable	(1,900)	
Prepaid expense Decrease in accounts payable	159 (877)	(1,678)
Decrease in accounts payable	(077)	 (1,070)
N	ET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (14,633)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# TOWNSHIP OF WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN

March 31, 2004

## NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Township of Wakefield (Township) operates under an elected Board of Trustees. The financial statements of the Township have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units, except that the entire historical cost and corresponding depreciation is not included in financial statements of the proprietary fund type-enterprise fund. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial-reporting principles. The more significant of the Township's accounting policies are described below.

#### Financial Reporting Entity

In conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, other autonomously operated governmental organizations are not considered to be part of the Township for financial-reporting. The criteria established for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the Township's financial statements include oversight responsibility, scope of public service and special financing relationships.

On this basis, the financial statements of the local school district are not included in the financial statements of the Township. Educational services are provided to citizens through the local school district, which is a separate governmental entity.

#### Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds and account groups to report its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types" as follows:

#### **GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**

General Fund - is the general operating fund of the Township. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the Township. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state and federal grants and various local sources.

## NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting (Continued)

#### GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES (CONTINUED)

Special Revenue Funds - are used by the Township to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects) requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action. The Township has one special revenue fund which is used to account for financial resources from the lease and sale of a building the Township constructed with grant and local funding located in a renaissance zone of the Township as established by the State of Michigan.

Capital Project Funds – are used to account for financial resources to be used for a building and infrastructure improvements in the renaissance zone funded by a Community Development Block Grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation including the local match required. The Township has one capital project fund.

#### PROPRIETARY FUNDS

These funds account for operations that are organized to be self-supporting through user charges and include the Enterprise Fund.

Enterprise Fund – Water Fund is used to account for operations that provide water services, in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the Township is that the expenses, including depreciation, of providing services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

#### FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES

Agency Funds - are used to account for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity or as an agent for other governments and/or other funds. These include the Trust and Agency and Tax Collection fund. These funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

#### ACCOUNT GROUPS

The two account groups are not "funds". They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position. They are not involved with measurement of results of operations.

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting (Continued)

#### ACCOUNT GROUPS (CONTINUED)

General Fixed Assets Account Group – presents the fixed assets of the Township utilized in its general operations (nonproprietary fixed assets). The April 1, 2003 General Fixed Asset Account Group has been restated to include capital outlay for construction of a building and related improvements totaling \$249,090.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group – presents the balance of long-term liabilities, which are not recorded in Proprietary Funds. The April 1, 2003 General Long-Term Debt Account Group has been restated to include a loan from Forward Wakefield in the amount of \$291,239 as described in Note M.

#### Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

The basis of accounting determines when transactions and economic events are reflected in financial statements, and measurement focus identifies which transactions and events should be recorded.

Governmental fund types and Agency Funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting and the flow of expendable financial resources (measurement focus). Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue is recognized when the revenue is subject to accrual, eligibility requirements are met and resources are available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. Revenues are available when revenues are collectible during the period and the actual collection will occur either (a) during the current period or (b) after the end of the period but in time to pay current fund liabilities. The Township considers revenues to be available if they are expected to be collected within 60 days of the end of the year, except that tax revenues, fees and nontax revenues are recognized when received. Grants, entitlements and shared revenues are recorded when they are susceptible to accrual. Expenditure-based grants are recorded as revenue when all applicable eligibility requirements of the grants are met and resources are available. Expenditures, if measurable, are recorded when they have used or are expected to use current expendable financial resources, except unmatured interest on general long-term debt is recorded when due.

Proprietary funds use the accrual basis of accounting and the flow of economic resources (measurement focus). This basis of accounting and measurement focus emphasizes the measurement of net income similar to the approach used by commercial enterprises, and revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred. Under this basis of accounting and measurement focus, the Township applies (a) all GASB pronouncements and (b) FASB Statements and Interpretations, APB Opinions and Accounts Research Bulletins issued on or before November 30, 1989, except those that conflict with a GASB pronouncement.

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Budgets and the Budgetary Process

The Township Board adopts an annual operating budget, which can be amended by the Board throughout the year. Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control for all funds of the Township. For each of the funds for which a formal budget is adopted, the same basis of accounting is used to reflect actual revenues and expenditures recognized on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles. The budgeted financial statements presented in this report reflect the final budget authorization, including all amendments. Budgets are adopted on the functional level and lapse at the end of the year. The Township did not adopt a budget for the capital project fund, which is required by the State of Michigan.

#### Investments

Investments include certificates of deposit in local financial institutions with maturity dates greater than 90 days and are stated at fair market value, which is equal to cost.

#### Receivables

Credit is extended to customers of the Enterprise Fund. All receivables are reported at their gross values. No allowance for uncollectible accounts is included in the financial statements as uncollectible accounts are few.

#### Due To and Due From Other Funds

Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed.

#### Fixed Assets

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Public domain (infrastructure) general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, such as roads, sidewalks and bridges are not capitalized. Property, plant and equipment acquired or constructed for general governmental operations is recorded as an expenditure in the fund making the expenditure and capitalized at cost in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. General fixed assets are not depreciated.

Property, plant and equipment acquired for proprietary funds are capitalized in the respective funds to which it applies. The Township has not capitalized the entire historical cost of the enterprise fund-water fund as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Fixed Assets (Continued)

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Where cost could not be determined from the available records, estimated historical cost was used to record the estimated value of the assets.

Depreciation of exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported on the proprietary funds' balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives, which is estimated at ten years, using the straight-line method of depreciation.

#### Long-Term Debt

The Township reports the financing proceeds of infrastructure improvements as provided by the Community Development Block Grant program through the State of Michigan as liabilities in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

#### Fund Equity

The unrestricted fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount available for budgeting future operations. Restricted fund balances for governmental funds represent the amounts restricted by the Board for future activities.

#### Property Tax Revenues

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 14 of the ensuing year with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the delinquent rolls. The Township records property taxes as a receivable and a deferred revenue on December 1; the property taxes are then recognized as revenue as collections are made, when monies are available for use to finance Township operations. Delinquent real property taxes of the Township and all other local units are purchased annually by the County.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Total Columns on Combined Financial Statements – Overview (Continued)

Total columns on the Combined Financial Statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither are such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of these data.

#### Correction of Accounting Errors

Effective April 1, 2003, the Township changed its method of reporting capital outlay expenditures from an unacceptable method to an acceptable method. The cumulative effect of the change decreased the April 1, 2003 fund balance by \$249,090, in the Capital Project Fund and increased general fund assets by the same amount.

Also effective, April 1, 2003, the Township changed its method of reporting general long-term debt from an unacceptable method to an acceptable method. The cumulative effect of the change increased general long-term debt by \$291,239.

#### NOTE B - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### Public Act 621 of 1978 Disclosures

Public Act 621 of 1978 requires local units of government to prepare and to monitor their fiscal year budgets in accordance therewith. The Act provides that a Township must amend its budget if it becomes apparent that the Township's actual revenues will deviate from those budgeted, or if the Township's expenditures will exceed the amounts appropriated. During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Township monitored and amended its budget and was in substantial compliance with the Act except for the following:

	Budget			<u>Actual</u>		favorable <sup>7</sup> ariance
General Fund - Transfer from other funds	\$	39,000	\$	0	\$	39,000
Special Revenue Fund						
Interest and rents		49,350		9,220		40,130
Other revenues		45,000		0		45,000
Transfer from other funds		130,000		0		130,000

#### NOTE B - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CONTINUED)

#### Public Act 621 of 1978 Disclosures (Continued)

Public Act 621 of 1978 requires local units of government to adopt a budget for capital projects funds. The Township did not adopt a budget for their capital projects fund.

#### Public Act 275 of 1980 Disclosure

The Enterprise Fund-Water Fund had a retained-earnings deficit of \$17,288 as of March 31, 2004. There were no deficits in any of the Township's other funds at March 31, 2004.

#### NOTE C - CASH

All deposits were made either in banks insured by federal depository insurance or in a local credit union insured by the national credit union administration. Deposits were made in accordance with State of Michigan statutes and under authorization of the Township Board.

At March 31, 2004, total cash as reported by banks and credit union amounted to \$504,243 of which \$300,000 was covered by depository insurance, and \$204,243 exceeded coverage limits.

#### NOTE D - GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

Following is a summary of changes in general fixed assets during the year ended March 31, 2004:

	Apri	lance at l 1, 2003 restated	dditions	<u>Dispo</u>	<u>sals</u>	Balance at March 31, 2004		
Land Buildings and improvements Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$	73,000 393,087 23.245	\$	251,844 		<del></del>	\$	73,000 644,931 24,294
	\$	<u>489.332</u>	\$	252.893	\$	0	\$	742.225

#### NOTE E - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of December 31. Taxes are levied on the ensuing December 1. The Township bills and collects its own property taxes and also collects current rolls for the County and School District. Property taxes are recorded as revenues when they are collected. The delinquent real property taxes of the Township for the 2003 levy are to be purchased by the County of Gogebic. These taxes will be recorded as revenues when the monies are received.

## NOTE E - PROPERTY TAXES (CONTINUED)

One taxpayer accounts for approximately 39 percent of the assessed valuation and tax levy of the Township.

Costs incurred for administrative costs in assessing and collecting property taxes exceed receipts from charging the property tax administrative fee.

A summary of the 2003 tax roll follows:

	<u>Mills</u>	<u>Levy</u>			Taxes Returned Delinquent	Net Tax Collections		
Intermediate School District County State Education Tax School Township	3.4100 11.0013 5.0000 20.5102 4.2254	\$	89,798 289,692 131,674 443,597 101,532	\$	5,565 36,332 8,161 23,316 4,421	\$	84,233 253,360 123,513 420,281 97,111	
TOTALS	44.1469	<u>\$</u>	1,056,293	\$	77,795	\$	978,498	
Taxable valuation: Homestead Non-homestead						\$	5,395,835 21,306,3 <u>91</u>	
						\$	26,702,226	

#### NOTE F - UTILITY PLANT

A summary of utility plant in service at March 31, 2004, follows:

	S	Water uppIy <u>Fund</u>	Estimated Useful <u>Life</u>
Equipment Less allowances for depreciation	\$	9,402 1,155	10 years
NET CARRYING AMOUNT	\$	8,247	

#### NOTE G – GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

The loan from Michigan Job Commission, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, dated June 1998 for infrastructure improvements and building in a Renaissance Zone Industrial Park, bears an interest rate of not less than five percent, requires no payments for five years, and up to 90% of the loan may be forgiven at the rate of \$20,000 per job created. The loan period is 20 years. The project has been extended to May 31, 2005.

The loan from Michigan Strategic Fund, CDBG Funds, dated August 2002 for additional infrastructure improvements and building in a Renaissance Zone Industrial Park, bears an interest rate of zero percent and requires no payments for first two years. Up to 100% of the loan may be forgiven at the rate of \$10,000 per job created. The loan period is ten years. The term of the project is from August 1, 2002 to July 31, 2007.

The loan from Forward Wakefield, dated January 2003 to provide local matching dollars for the latest Renaissance Zone Industrial Park building, bears an interest rate of 6.9% and requires annual payments of principal and interest totaling \$41,082 beginning December 1, 2003 with final payment scheduled for December 1, 2012. No payment was made on this loan during the year end March 31, 2004.

The Township commitments under these loans are further explained in Note M to the financial statements. Because the Township expects the majority of these loans to be forgiven by jobs created, a 5-year schedule of debt payments to maturity is not presented.

Following is a summary of changes in long-term debt during the year ended March 31, 2004:

	Apı	alance at ril 1, 2003, s restated	<u> </u>	Additions	<u>Disposals</u>		falance at farch 31, 2004
General Long Term Debt: (see Note M) Loan from Michigan Job Commission Loan from Michigan Strategic Fund Loan from Forward Wakefield	\$	135,000 199,705 291.239	\$	226,545		\$	135,000 426,250 291,239
	<u>\$</u>	625,944	\$	226,545	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$</u>	852,489

#### NOTE H - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The amounts of interfund receivables and payables at March 31, 2004, were as follows:

	<u>Fund</u>		erfund eivable	<u>Fund</u>		terfund ayable
General		\$	61,749	Tax Collection Trust and Agency Water Fund	\$	5,728 21 56,000
		<u>\$</u>	61,749		<u>\$</u>	61,749

#### NOTE I – FUND BALANCE RESERVES AND DESIGNATIONS

The General Fund, fund balance at March 31, 2004, included a reserve for prepaid expenses of \$4,022 and a long-term receivable from the Water Fund of \$56,000.

The Board has designated \$135,000 of General Fund, fund balance to be used for future economic development or debt service.

The Capital Project Fund, fund balance is reserved in the amount of \$23,611 and will be used for final construction costs related to the building being constructed in a Renaissance Zone Industrial Park.

#### NOTE J – STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT INFORMATION

During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Township collected construction code service fees of \$1,472 and spent \$1,500 for enforcing the code. Because the fee structure is not intended to recover the full cost of enforcement and the Township has the ability to track the full costs and revenues, a separate fund has not been created to account for these monies.

#### NOTE K - SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The Township has one enterprise fund which provides a water supply system to a portion of the Township's residential and commercial customers. Segment information not reported on in the general purpose financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2004, follows:

#### NOTE K - SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS (CONTINUED)

	<u>.</u>	Water Supply
Restricted donations and operating grants	\$	0
Operating transfers in (out)		0
Tax revenues		0
Current capital contributions		0
Utility plant:		
Additions		783
Deletions		0
Net working capital (deficit)		(17,288)
Long-term debt - payable from operating revenues		
(including portion payable within one year)		0

#### NOTE L - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Township has obtained coverage from commercial insurance companies. The Township has comprehensive general liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and a \$3,000,000 aggregate limit, with no deductible amount.

All risk management activities are accounted for in the General Fund and Enterprise Fund of the Township. Expenditures and claims are recognized when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. In determining claims, events that might create claims, but for which none have been reported, are considered.

Management estimates that the amount of actual or potential claims against the Township as of March 31, 2004, will not materially affect the financial condition of the Township. Therefore, the financial statements contain no provision for estimated claims. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

#### NOTE M – COMMITMENTS

#### 1998 Agreement

On June 1, 1998, the Township and Gogebic County entered into a \$450,000 economic development financing agreement (the agreement) with the State of Michigan. The agreement provided 50 percent of the monies needed to develop property (the project) in a State designated Renaissance Zone in the Township. The agreement was initially funded with a \$450,000 Community Development Block Grant administered by the Michigan Jobs Commission. The remaining 50 percent was provided by the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Chippewa Indians.

## NOTE M – COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

The State will offset any monies it advances under the agreement via application of a formula that provides for a \$20,000 reduction for each qualifying new job created. Any shortfall will become a liability of both the Township and Gogebic County on May 31, 2005. A repayment schedule will be determined by the State at that time if necessary. The Township and Gogebic County have each pledged all payments they are eligible to receive under 1971 PA 140 as collateral for any monies not offset by new job creation. The Township has recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group a loan payable to the State of \$135,000 (30% of the total amount) for their share of the debt. The Township has committed to reimbursing the County for any County liability incurred.

#### 2002 Agreement

On August 1, 2002, the Township entered into a \$426,250 economic development financing agreement (the agreement) with the State of Michigan. The agreement provided 100% of the monies needed to design, develop, improve and install infrastructure in a State designated Renaissance Zone in the Township. The agreement was funded with a \$426,250 Community Development Block Grant administered by Michigan Strategic Fund.

The State will offset any monies it advances under the agreement via application of a formula that provides for a \$10,000 reduction up to 100% of the advances for each qualifying new job created. Any shortfall will become a liability of the Township at July 31, 2007, which is the end of the project.

A repayment schedule will be determined by the State at that time if necessary. The Township has pledged all payments that are eligible under 1971 PA 140 as collateral for any moinies not offset by new job creation.

The Township has recorded the full amount of advances of \$426,250 as a liability in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

#### Loan Payable to Forward Wakefield

The Township allowed their agent, Forward Wakefield (a nonprofit Michigan corporation) to secure the permanent financing of an industrial building construction loan (dated January 22, 2003) in the amount of \$291,239 to provide local dollars to match the latest project undertaken. The building is pledged as collateral for the loan. The Township has committed to relieving the debt although no formal written agreement exists between the Township and Forward Wakefield. The amount is recorded as a liability in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

#### NOTE M – COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Loan Payable to Forward Wakefield (Continued)

The Township has entered into a contract with the Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority and the City of Wakefield, whereby the Township has agreed to pay 4.3% of the principal and interest due on \$100,000 of debt outstanding as of June 30, 2002. The principal payments are payable as follows:

2002 through 2005, inclusive	\$10,000
2006 through 2009, inclusive	\$15,000

An actual amortization schedule was unavailable for disclosure purposes. The Authority has applied for and was approved for a loan amount of \$476,000 through USDA-RDA. The loan proceeds will be used to retire the outstanding debt plus fund facility and equipment improvements. The Township has pledged its limited tax full faith and credit for prompt and timely payment of its share of obligation outstanding (not less than 4.3% nor more than 4.6%).

It is anticipated that the Authority will establish rates to meet their current and future operation and debt retirement expenditures. The Township has not participated in the past ten years in meeting the Authority obligations.

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#### STATEMENT OF REVENUES - ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND

# TOWNSHIP OF WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN

# Year ended March 31, 2004

	Estimated Revenue			ActuaI Revenue	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		
Taxes:							
Current property taxes	\$	111,000	\$	101,723	\$	(9,277)	
Payment in lieu of tax		1,000		1,075		75	
Commercial forest reserve		8,000		11,085		3,085	
Swamp tax		1,500		2,087		587	
Property tax administrative fee		10,800		10,091		(709)	
	\$	132,300	\$	126,061	\$	(6,239)	
Licenses and permits		1,050		1,472		422	
Federal grant - National forest		10,500		10,644		144	
State grants:							
State revenue sharing	\$	26,000	\$	27,133	\$	1,133	
Metro Authority - P.A. 48 of 2002		<u>650</u>	_	640		(10)	
	\$	26,650	\$	27,773	\$	1,123	
Charges for services - summer tax collection		3,500		3,466		(34)	
Interest and rents:							
Interest earned	\$	5,175	\$	4,591	\$	(584)	
Rents		<u>75</u>		<u>85</u>		10	
	\$	5,250	\$	4,676	\$	(574)	
Other revenues:	ď	4 250	\$	2 100	\$	(2.070)	
Reimbursements	\$	4,250 4,000	Э	2,180 388	J	(2,070) (3,612)	
Miscellaneous	_	4,000		300		(3,014)	
	<u>\$</u>	8,250	\$	2,568	\$	(5,682)	
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$</u>	187,500	\$	176,660	\$	(10,840)	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET - GENERAL FUND ${\rm TOWNSHIP\ OF\ WAKEFIELD,\ MICHIGAN}$

# Year ended March 31, 2004

			Expen	xpenditures			ariance vorable
			Budget		Actual	(Uni	favorable)
LEGISLATIVE							
Township Board:							
Salaries		\$	3,463	\$	3,463		
Per diem		,	2,160	,	2,360	\$	(200)
Office supplies			200		134		66
Auto expense			350		421		(71)
Printing and publications			570		398		172
Miscellaneous			300		315		(15)
Dues and memberships			1,000		462		538
Contributions			2,250		2,214		<u>36</u>
	TOTAL LEGISLATIVE	\$	10,293	\$	9,767	\$	526
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Supervisor:			<b>5</b> 40 4				
Salary		\$	7,494	\$	7,494	•	•00
Per diem			200		20	\$	200
Office supplies Auto allowance			50		20		30
Miscellaneous			1,775 50		1,676 38		99 12
Wilsechaneous							1
		\$	9,569	\$	9,228	\$	341
Election:							
Salaries		\$	1,000				1,000
Office supplies			100	\$	206		(106)
Auto expense			100				100
Printing and publications			200				200
Miscellaneous			200				200
		\$	1,600	\$	206	\$	1,394
Attorney - contracted services			1,000		739		261
Assessor:							
Office supplies		\$	600	\$	574	\$	26
Contracted services			7,769		7,312		457
		\$	8,369	\$	7,886	\$	483

# STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET - GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

	-	Expen	ıditu	res		Variance Favorable	
		Budget		Actual	(Un	favorable)	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (CONTINUED)							
Clerk:							
Salary	\$	9,682	\$	9,682			
Per diem		500	-	600	\$	(100	
Deputy salary		500		432	•	68	
Office supplies		1,000		985		15	
Professional fees		3,300		2,400		900	
Auto expense		1,775		1,464		311	
Education		1,000		818		182	
Miscellaneous		100		114		(14	
	\$	17,857	\$	16,495	\$	1,362	
Board of review:							
Salaries	\$	1,300	\$	905	\$	395	
Office supplies	•	50	Ψ	, , ,	•	50	
Auto expense		50				50	
Education		100				100	
Miscellaneous		100		46		54	
	\$	1,600	\$	951	\$	649	
Treasurer:							
Salaries	\$	9,682	\$	9,682			
Per diem	•	500	•	440	\$	60	
Deputy salary		500		32	Ψ.	468	
Office supplies		1,000		2,052		(1,052	
Auto allowance		1,775		1,675		100	
Printing and publishing		2,500		2,085		415	
Insurance		450		395		55	
Education		1,000		85		915	
Miscellaneous		100		54		46	
	\$	17,507	\$	16,500	\$	1,007	
Town hall and property:							
Salaries	\$	1,800	\$	1,800			
Per diem		400		90	\$	310	
Supplies		100		90		10	
Auto expense		20				20	
Fuel		5,000		2,982		2,018	
Contracted services		1,000		845		155	
Public utilities		1,300		962		338	
Repairs and maintenance		1,000		1,011		(11)	
Miscellaneous		390		129		<u> 261</u>	
	\$	11,010	\$	7,909	\$	3,101	

# STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET - GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

		Expen	dim	res	Variance Favorable	
<u> </u>		Budget		Actual		favorable)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (CONTINUED)						
Cemetery - contracted services	_	4,125		4,000		125
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$	72,637	\$	63,914	\$	8,723
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Fire protection - contracted services	\$	6,700	\$	6,500	\$	200
Zoning board:						
Salaries	\$	500			\$	500
Supplies Contracted services:		850				850
Administrative		6,000	\$	688		5,312
Inspections		2,500	•	476		2,024
Auto expense		350		148		202
Printing and publishing		150				150
Miscellaneous		150		142		8
Education		800		733		67
	\$	11,300	\$_	2,187	\$	9,113
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	18,000	\$	8,687	\$	9,313
PUBLIC WORKS						
Highways and streets -						
construction and maintenance	\$	49,320	\$	187	\$	49,133
Street lighting		17,500		13,658		3,842
Solid waste collections:						
Supplies	\$	4,000			\$	4,000
Contracted services		16,000	\$	16,33 <u>5</u>	-	(335)
	<u>\$</u>	20,000	\$	16,335	<u>\$</u>	3,665
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$	86,820	\$	30,180	\$	56,640
RECREATION AND CULTURE						
Parks - contracted services	\$	1,290	\$	1,250	\$	40
Library - contracted services		2,060		2,000		60
TOTAL RECREATION AND CULTURE	\$	3,350	\$	3,250	\$	100

# STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET - GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

		<u>Expenditures</u> Budget Actual				F	ariance avorable favorable)
OTHER FUNCTIONS Veterans council Insurance Payroll taxes		\$	300 41,000 4,100	\$	225 39,780 3,067	\$	75 1,220 1,033
	TOTAL OTHER FUNCTIONS	\$	45,400	\$	43,072	\$	2,328
CAPITAL OUTLAY			15,000		1,049		13,951
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$</u>	251,500	\$	159,919	<u>\$</u>	91,581

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS - FIDUCIARY FUNDS

# TOWNSHIP OF WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN

# Year ended March 31, 2004

	Trust and Agency Fund	Tax Collection Fund	Totals
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 353	<u>\$ 71,721</u>	<u>\$ 72,074</u>
LIABILITIES	S		
Liabilities:  Due General Fund  Due State of Michigan  Due Gogebic County	\$ 21 332	\$ 5,728 43,531 14,509	\$ 5,749 43,863 14,509
Due to schools		7,953	7,953
	<u>\$ 353</u>	\$ 71,721	\$ 72,074

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS

# TOWNSHIP OF

Year ended

	Trust and Agency										
	Apr	Balance at April 1, 2003 A		dditions	ditions Deductions		Mar	nce at ch 31, 004			
	ASSETS										
Cash	<u>\$</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>9,468</u>	<u>\$</u>	9,460	<u>\$</u>	353			
	LIABILITIE	ES									
Liabilities:											
Due General Fund	\$	11	\$	10			\$	21			
Due Federal government				8,153	\$	8,153					
Due State of Michigan		334		1,305		1,307		332			
Due Gogebic County Due to schools											
Due to schools											
	<u>\$</u>	<u>345</u>	\$	9,468	\$	9,460	\$	353			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# AND LIABILITIES - FIDUCIARY FUNDS

# WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN

March 31, 2004

Tax Collection Fund							
Balance at April 1, 2003		Additions		Deductions		Balance at March 31, 2004	
<u>\$</u>	<u>51,345</u>	<u>\$</u>	1,175,705	<u>\$</u>	1,155,329	<u>\$</u>	71,721
\$	4,130 33,081 13,417 717	\$	108,108 44,253 505,699 517,645	\$	106,510 33,803 504,607 510,409	\$	5,728 43,531 14,509 7,953
s	51.345	\$	1,175,705	\$	1,155,329	\$	71,721

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Supervisor and Members of the Board Township of Wakefield Wakefield, Michigan

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Township of Wakefield as of and for the year ended March 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated July 21, 2004. We noted in our report that Township of Wakefield financial statements do not include the entire historical cost and corresponding depreciation of the proprietary fund type-enterprise fund. We also noted in our report that Township of Wakefield changed from an unacceptable method of recording capital outlay expenditures to an acceptable method in the capital project fund and from an unacceptable method of recording general long-term debt to an acceptable method in the general long-term debt account group in the year ended March 31, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Township of Wakefield's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Township of Wakefield's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Township of Wakefield's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. The reportable conditions are described in the following paragraphs and were reported upon in prior years.

#### 04-1 Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978

#### **Budget Amendments**

Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978 provides that a local unit shall amend its budget when it becomes apparent that actual expenditures will exceed budgeted expenditures. The Township received actual revenues and other financing sources, which were significantly less than budgeted amounts during the year ended March 31, 2004. We recommend that the Township review the requirements of Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978, amend its budget in accordance therewith in the future and require conformity to the Act. Township officials concur with the recommendation.

#### Capital Projects Fund Budget

In accordance with the Act, the Township is required to adopt a budget for any Capital Projects Fund activities on an annual basis and amend it accordingly during the year. The Township did not formally adopt a Capital Project Fund budget for the year ended March 31, 2004. We recommend the Township formally adopt a Capital Projects fund for any construction activities on an annual basis. Township officials agree to do so in the future.

#### 04-2 Michigan Public Act 275 of 1980

Michigan Public Act 275 of 1980 provides that a local unit shall not incur a deficit. The Enterprise Fund – Water Fund has a retained-earnings deficit at March 31, 2004 of \$17,288. We recommend the Township correspond with the State of Michigan regarding revising the deficit elimination plan submitted in the prior year. Township officials have agreed to do so.

# 04-3 Enterprise Fund - Water Fund Plant Assets and Accumulated Depreciation

In accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the entire cost of Enterprise Fund property and equipment should be capitalized and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The Township has not recorded the entire historical cost or an estimate of historical cost and corresponding depreciation in the financial statements of the Water Fund. We recommend the Township research the Water Fund assets costs and properly record the amounts in the financial statements. The Township has agreed to do so.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We consider the above items to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Township Board, management, others within the organization and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Certified Public Accountants

Ironwood, Michigan July 21, 2004